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Let the whole nation rejoice and all the people shout for gladness!

The Canteen Doomed.
Secretary Root resisted all the pressure that was brought to bear on him, and, instead of recommending to Congress the repeal of the law prohibiting the canteen, he declared that the law had not had time for a fair trial and that it would continue to be enforced.

What a bomb shell this was in the ranks of those who have been hanging around the camps of our soldier boys since the law went into force, trying to break down its good influences so as they might get its prohibitions removed. We may hope for the best now; for it would take a pretty reckless Congress to repeal the law in the absence of some suggestion from the war secretary.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," so "let us pray and keep our powder dry." If the law has a fair chance the "canteen" is forever doomed—"so mote it be!"

Where would you go to find it? Back to the Scriptures, of course, where everything baptistic is found. Turn to Acts 2:41 and read on through to the end of the chapter, and what do you find? 1, People who

gladly received the Word—converted people; 2, baptized people; 3, an indoctrinated people; 4, a people of abounding fellowship; 5, a hospitable people—they visited each other; 6, a praying people; 7, a cheerful, liberal, giving people; 8, a people who were blessed of God with the respect and favor of those with whom they lived, some of whom united with them every time they came together—a popular people, if you please were these converted, indoctrinated, handshaking people of the New Testament times. Here is the way to catch the attention of the people and hold them for good and for God and His church here on the earth. Try THIS model awhile.

Since the Congress of Religions met at the World's Fair in Chicago,

Prof. Harnack. great stress in certain quarters has been laid on comparative religions. Quite a breeze has been raised in that storm center, Berlin. Prof. Pfeiderer wants a special department comparative religions, while Prof. Harnack strenuously opposes on the good and solid ground.—

1. That there is one religion, which was revealed of God. All others are inventions of men. One has come down from heaven; the other of the earth earthly.

2. The Theological department of Berlin University was established by the gov-

ernment to train men in the ministry. The Bible, the inspired Word of God, is the only necessary text-book.

3. If students or Theologians have a curiosity to know what has been taught by impostors cranks and frauds, they can do so in the department of philosophy and history.

These are courageous words coming from Germany. Let it be echoed in all our great Universities, and more especially at Chicago.

Trustees. The Board of Trustees of Mississippi College met in this city on the night of the 5th inst., for the purpose of electing a committee whose business it shall be to invest the endowment fund now being raised, as it shall be paid. It is apparent that this is an important committee, and therefore should be composed of men of fine business qualifications. The committee appointed consists of Gov. A. H. Longino, Z. D. Davis, vice-president of the Capital State Bank; T. McCleland, president of Jackson Bank; R. Griffith, cashier of Merchants Bank, all of Jackson; and B. W. Griffith, president of First National Bank, of Vicksburg. A finer committee could not be found in the State. It cannot fail to give general satisfaction and inspire confidence in the certainty of raising the endowment to \$100,000.00 and in its permanently safe investment.

Bro. T. McCleland was also appointed treasurer or custodian of the endowment fund, which is growing very rapidly.

With the endowment fund growing rapidly and a fine class of work being done in the class rooms, the brotherhood will naturally become more interested and helpful in all college work.

The Evidence. As salvation is the gift of God to every one who will accept it at His gracious hands, it ought not to be hard, but easy, for us to know whether we have accepted it or not. The Bible makes it plain that we can know assuredly right now, while we live in this world, annoyed by its cares, and overwhelmed by its duties, whether we are Christians or not.

1. We have God's Word for it, that if we believe on the Son we have already come into possession of eternal life.

2. The Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts, bearing witness with our own spirits that we are saved.

3. The Commandments of Christ are not grievous but are a delight to the redeemed soul; and so if we are Christians we can know by the fact that our love to God expresses itself in keeping His Words. For

He says, "If ye love me ye will keep my words."

4. Then, not to mention but one more, John says, "By THIS, we may KNOW that we have passed from death unto life—BECAUSE WE LOVE THE BRETHREN." If, we find that we love the brethren, all of them, the good and choice ones, and those of us who are not so good and choice, in spite of all their faults—if we do this, it is enough, we may know that we are Christians, for this is the unmistakable evidence.

Our Paper. Since bringing out our paper in brand new type, and making some other changes in its make-up, we have received a large number of letters of very hearty approval. Take the following extract as a sample:

"I want to tell you to your face that you are making a great paper of THE BAPTIST. Wife and I were discussing it in our room night before last. It grows better constantly and we are feeling right proud of our State paper. I said in an article for THE BAPTIST once that if it cost \$15 a year I would not raise my family without it. I want my boys to grow up to be intelligent Baptists and to be enthusiastic Mississippi Baptists, and, so, I want my family always to be kept in immediate touch with every department of Mississippi Baptist work. I am sorry for any of our brethren who do not want just that and are not willing to pay something to have it so. I get much pleasure and, I hope, much development from THE BAPTIST. If there had been nothing else in the paper the reports from the brethren about the protracted meetings over the State would have been helpful. You don't know how much real joy I got out of those reports alone. How the Lord is showering blessings upon Mississippi Baptists this year. It certainly calls for our faithfulness and our most earnest and consecrated efforts. I wonder if the Twentieth Century movement and the general stir in mission work, etc., have not had a reflex influence to bring about these rich revivals."

The above lines are from one of the foremost Baptists in the State; one of the most progressive and one of the wisest. Hence, they afford much encouragement to continued and increased effort for the upbuilding of our paper.

The growth in new subscribers is very satisfactory, more so than at any time during the life of the paper. Several pastors have reported the result of their efforts on "Special BAPTIST Day." These results are very satisfactory and encouraging to the management. Many others will report later. We do here and now express our sincere thanks to all who have so efficiently helped us. Everything is favorable; so, hopefully we move on, as God leads.

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Christian Culture.

What is this "Christian culture" about which we hear so much these days anyhow? Is there anything to it? Or is it just afad of a few old weaklings and a host of younger weaklings that will blow over in a few days?

It is the culture of a Christian, and a Christian, you know, is born—the born-again soul—not made by culture nor anything else short of the grace of God.

It is not the culture that we get in schools necessarily—too often it is no part of that—nor is it that that comes from extensive travel and reading of the magazines.

The world is full of cultured men and women who have not so much as heard that there be any such thing as Christian culture. Worse than that; the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ contain men and women of culture who are as devoid of Christian culture as a hen is of teeth.

Culture of any kind is a result of study, growth, meditation; and Christian culture is the result of study, meditation, prayer and activity on the part of the Christian. This kind of culture is the pure gold of earth, and comes only after much hard toil. It comes from a constant digging into God's Word, the Christian's treasure house, where he can find things new and old, and all more precious than rubies or the fine gold of Ophir.

It comes from deep meditation on God's nature, attributes, ways and wishes concerning us. It comes from a careful reading of religious literature—books, papers, tracts, theses, articles of faith, covenants, hymns and everything that gives information and spiritual tone to our being. It comes from hearing sermons, talks, prayers, addresses, such as we hear at our regular church services, prayer meetings, associations and conventions—the sum and substance resulting from all this is what is known as Christian culture, as that term is used in current literature today.

How much of this do you possess? Not

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And he has not left himself without abundant evidence that he wants us to preach the gospel over every acre of Mississippi's territory.

We do this work through our State Mission Board, the ever untiring Corresponding Secretary of which is our beloved brother A. V. Rowe, of Winona. It is his business to look after the work all the time. Visit the churches, preach, take collections for all objects claiming assistance at the hands of a generous and God-serving people, help the weak churches to find strong pastors and strong pastors to find weak churches, and have the oversight of the work in general. As to how well he has done this great work, large enough to fill the hands and hearts of a dozen men, is shown by the fact that he has been unanimously called nine times in as many years to continue in the work.

It is sad but true that some few churches neglect to take collections for State Missions—it does not appear on their list of objects to which they make contribution. Then there are a great many churches that wait and wait until the money season is gone and the last Sunday in the Conventional year has come, before they take their State Mission collection. And then some, we know, when they do take it, do so without prayer, grace, interest or anything else. If you don't have anything else to do have prayer before you take the collection.

But we can do more than that: We can announce it a week, or a month in advance; we can urge every man, woman and child to give, and to give liberally and cheerfully; and tell them that God will bless them if they do, and—yes he will—curse them by withholding his blessing, if they do not.

"Will a man rob God?" is the question that he asks. Will you?—Will I? is the question of the hour for all of us to answer, and answer now, in the fear of God.

Notes and Comments.

It has been well said that, "A preacher ought to put fire into his sermon, or his sermon into the fire."

Preachers not only ought, but do pay their debts as a rule—even when they themselves are not paid.

The church that does not pay its pastor more this year than last is not paying him as much for it costs more to live this year than last.

If we are under obligations to love our neighbor, as we are, he ought to feel under some obligation to make himself lovable.

The Board of Health of San Francisco have recommended that all the miserable citizens of Chinatown be taken to some other part of the Peninsula and colonized, and Chinatown be given to the flames, such a pest-hole has it become. Such a death-hole should never have been allowed on the continent in the first place. Let her be given to the flames, the public safety demands it.

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Whenever the "purposeth" of our hearts allows us to put one dollar into the Lord's treasury, when, according to our prosperity, it ought to be two or more, it is high time that said "purposeth" was being sent to the dry-dock for repairs.

In estimating the cost of furnishing the rooms at the Orphanage, at \$50.00 for the small rooms and \$100.00 for the large rooms, Dr. Foster included everything in the way of beds, bedding, chairs, towels, etc.—everything that goes to furnish a room fairly comfortably.

"To hold the people you must hold the pulpit." —Madison C. Peters.

But the pulpit must be held in the interest of and for the people and not the people for the pulpit. The man who does this will find plenty of time to be in the homes of the people for whom Christ died and for whose eternal benefit the pulpit was built.

Let us have peace on earth amongst all the nations—let England hurry it along by getting out of South Africa, if it is right for her to do so.

Bro. J. F. Norman, Madison, writes:

"Find enclosed money order for \$2.00. Please move the figure on my paper from Nov. 17, 1901 to Nov. 17, 1902. Also find 8 cents I return to you for the postage on the picture plate you sent to me. I don't want you to lose a cent on me, I get full \$2.00 out of THE BAPTIST and some boot. The Madison New Hope Church, last Sabbath, unanimously called for the 6th year, Bro. Z. T. Leavell. He is firmly fixed in the affections of our people here. What a grand thing it would be for the Baptist denomination, if you could get the paper in the homes of all Mississippi Baptists."

Our country pastors ought not ever to allow themselves to forget their hard pressed town brethren, "who make more visits than any physician, who make more speeches than a lawyer enjoying a full practice, who study as hard as any college professor, who writes as much as any editor, and whose time is at the beck and call of every man, woman and child in the neighborhood." Let the beatiful fellow-show now existing forever remain.

If every Baptist in Mississippi who has not yet given, would give to the endowment of Mississippi College as liberally as those who have already responded so nobly to the appeal of President Lowrey, what a magnificently equipped college the Baptists of this grand old commonwealth would have. Many of them will do it too. As great as has been the history of our college in the past, and there is not one greater, her greatest history is ahead of her, we verily believe.

Prof. Geo. B. Foster, of the University of Chicago, who is very fond of classing himself with the "wild mustangs" of the denomination, in speaking rather contemptuously of some things "down south" said in the Baptist Outlook: "One of these Southern papers published the statement, a few weeks ago, that one of the most devout Christian theologians whom I know, a man of international reputation, was an atheist!" To all of which the Western Recorder in the name of fairness, says: "We respectfully call on Prof. Foster to name the Southern paper and to name the theologian." That is right; let the names be forthcoming, or forever afterwards hold his peace.

Sunshine for all Christians in Lee County.

The Psalmist David said: "Ret not thyself because of evil doers neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity; for they shall soon be cut down like the

grass, and wither as the green herb.

I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green tree, yet he passed away, and lo he was not; yea, I sought him but he could not be found."

The writer has witnessed the above in his own home county and town. About ten years ago, the good people of Lee county voted to put down the saloon and the saloon went down, but since then the unlawful whisky dealers have defied the law and officers and sold it openly in almost every town in the county, but more especially in Tupelo and Satillo. The wicked were spreading themselves like a green bay tree and seemed to think they were perfectly safe in so doing in open defiance of law and against the opposition of all good men. But it seems that the Providence of God has been instrumental through the hands of the officers and Christian people to seize the law-breakers and put several in jail while several others are under heavy bonds and some are being sought, but lo, they are not; they have flown away to unknown regions. The fulfillment of the Psalmist's prophecy.

For yet a little while and the wicked shall not be, yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place and it shall not be.

The Psalmist didn't say for us to wait awhile and see if the wicked would turn from his wickedness, but emphasized the "shall not be."

There is no consolation to the wicked to continue in his wickedness, for the Lord said that ill gotten gain would not stay with a man and that the wicked would be cut off like the grass. But to the meek and lowly Christian there is consolation in the promise that the meek shall inherit the earth and delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Besides the above work of the Lord in putting the wicked out of business, God's servants have been instrumental in leading more than a hundred souls to Christ within a short space from us (at Satillo).

Bro. Swain, of Tupelo, received 48 new members into the fellowship of Christ, just three miles east of Satillo, while Bro. Landers of Blue Springs, received about 25 or 30 into the Uklatubba church 3 miles west of here; several have been taken into the churches of various denominations here and elsewhere in the surrounding communities.

The churches above named are our own Missionary Baptist churches and we rejoice with our brethren in the Lord and sing praises to His name on high.

S. P. CLAYTON.

Satillo, Miss.

Truth is the foundation of all knowledge.—Dryden.

Character must stand behind and keep up everything—the sermon, the poem, the picture, the play. None of them is worth a straw without it.—J. G. Holland.

The 5th Sunday meeting of Union Association will convene with Bethesda Church, Jefferson County, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December.

Reminiscences of Fifty Years Amongst the Baptists of Mississippi.

BY J. T. FREEMAN.

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The year of 1854 was a very eventful one to the writer. He was invited by Professor Urner to deliver the annual address to the college at commencement, and deliver diplomas to first graduates. He did not attempt to read his address and therefore passed respectfully. In a short time afterwards he was called to take charge of Mound Bluff church, Madison county, of which Dr. W. L. Balfour and Wm. Jordan Denson were leading deacons. Dr. Balfour's income then was 3,000 bales of cotton, at \$50.00 per bale. Denson's was 1,000. Other members graded down to 100 bales; the latter felt very poor by comparison if cotton was worth \$50.00 per bale.

The wealth and intelligence of the South was mostly in the country before the war. Wealth wielded an influence then, as now, and rightly so, when in consecrated and Christly hands. I never have seen a more pious church, with all due deference to progress in spirituality, than I have witnessed since. Balfour's first subscription to the endowment of Mississippi College, was \$3,000, and the aggregate of the church was several thousand more.

This endowment was lost by the war. About this time Walter Hillman was chosen teacher of The Central Female Institute, as it was then called, and had taught one year. The school was connected with the college and managed by the same Board of Trustees. The Female School property and management were in the way of College trustees and the trustees were a hindrance to Bro. Hillman. He came to the writer of these memoirs, to intercede with the trustees, through the Mound Bluff Deacons, afore mentioned, to separate the two and sell to him (Hillman), the property appropriated to the Female department, and for a valuable consideration it was made an individual enterprise and under Bro. Hillman's management, aided by his talented wife, it won the grand reputation which Dr. Hillman left at his death, and which is maintained by Dr. J. L. Johnson.

This statement may not be minutely accurate, but, literal details, are not important now. Nothing succeeds like success, is a good old chestnut proverb.

The writer will now assume the Ego.

Dr. Hillman was a lovely young man. We were about the same age, and congenial. In 1855, I was called to the care of the Clinton church, for half-time still living at Mound Bluff, 15 miles distant in Madison County. Dr. Hillman was induced by the pastor to be ordained to the ministry. During that year 1855 I held a meeting of days with the church, through the power of the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation, even to the chief of sinners, and of whom Paul felt to be one, and so many other struggling pilgrims, with the writer, with tears do say in childhood's simple language, me, too, Paul.

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Between 50 and seventy-five were baptized and this senex feels sad, when he can not remember but three of that number and they, to use Ian McLaren's Scottish phrase, have slipped away. I mean Prof. Menger, Hillman's celebrated master of music, Prof. Steed, one of the college faculty, who afterwards returned to Georgia, whence he had come, and became an eminent minister, a senior in college (Bro. Gordan), who was afterwards ordained to the ministry and made a most enviable reputation.

He had a sad death at Okolona where he was some twenty years since, and was burned to death by an explosion of a lamp, during a revival in that church. He was a great loss to Mississippi. A cruel death! One of those casualties that happen to the wise and good, that constrains us to say with Paul through the spirit, "Without disputation great is the mystery of Godliness."

I have not seen Clinton for thirty years more or less. If I were to go there now, with its brighter face and host of young and hopeful faces, with few exceptions, a new generation, I would feel

"Like one who treads alone
A banquet hall deserted."

No, one or two witnesses remain. That grand old *Emeritus*, Dr. W. S. Webb. No man connected with the up-building of Mississippi College has or can win his mead of bright fame and honorable mention more than he. I generally think that the word "preservation" of "the saints" more applicable to us, backsliding children, than "perseverance." He has persevered as well as been preserved. His memory is blessed. And there is Bro. Geo. Whitfield, the standing and walking committee man, on Foreign Missions. He always exceeded our expectations, when he read his reports. The writer laid his unworthy hands upon Brother George in ordination soon after the war. He afterwards crossed swords in forensic dispute with his father in the ministry on that part of the 8th chapter of Romans, "Whom he did foreknow, them he did predestinate." He did not think I was sufficiently iron clad on predestination. Well, well. Bless George Whitfield. Bless that dear wife of his who was so much beloved in Starkville church.

I am getting weary. One more number, mostly on minister's children, and I will say adieu to my patient readers and perhaps more patient editor, to all of whom I owe thanks for the privilege of "shouldering the crutch to show how fields were won," and then some history. Then we will rest.

On second thought I deem it best to end with this number. It is due Bro. L. S. Foster to say, I have not written these memoirs in complaint of his handsome, and well written history, his volume of Mississippi Baptist Ministers. He did well and did me more than justice in that work, for I gave him no help, except as to time and place of my birth and first start in the ministry. He is one of our best writers. I have just read his late book, "From Error's Chains"

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with pleasure and profit, and would recommend it to all my friends. I would bless that bright faced wife of his, whose smiles make sunshine of the "The Orphans."

I would say now as to minister's sons. It is a standing proverb in Christendom, as a legacy from the State Church of England, "That the minister's son is usually the worst boy in the parish." It is usually the reverse. I did not mention Rev. Bro. Eager, the first field agent of the College endowment interest before the war. He raised a family of boys, several of whom have made first class ministers. Gen. M. P. Lowrey, whose fame is State wide and needs no eulogy from the writer. As some one has said, "Thank God for the Lowrey family," and if the accumulating wealth of our people and faith gives liberally to the talented young president of Mississippi College in his present efforts and appeals, the \$100,000 will soon be raised.

There is also the distinguished Pastor of the Baptist church of Starkville, and for more than twenty years the moderator of Columbus association, Dr. T. G. Sellers, whose family of eight or ten children, are as a crown of glory to him. His sons are devout and successful; one of whom was, for awhile, professor in Mississippi College. The two distinguished ministers, Doctors Thos. and Geo. Hale, now in other States, were his cousins and wards, raised in his family and educated by him and licensed and ordained by his church.

I may be pardoned for a more extended notice of Dr. Sellers. I did not know him before the war, on whom I expected to dwell mostly in my notice of Starkville, expecting to return in future numbers. But as I now close my notes, I must say of him that he was the most successful pastor and moderator I ever knew. The writer alternated with him several times in this church and to the day of his death we were intimate friends in the bonds of tender, Christian love. His great success was attributable to his remarkable prudence and diplomatic management. If he had been educated in State craft and politics, as his profession, he would have filled the past of ambassador to any court in Europe. His church and people of this community loved him with deep and tender affection.

I might multiply references to the success of minister's sons. Some Englishman of late has followed out the same train of thought for England, and says in conclusion that fifty per cent of English celebrities are the descendants of ministers or of their daughters, meaning, I suppose, that preachers raise the noblest girls as well as boys. Let us rest.

Revival News.

Two good meetings have recently transpired. At Forest, on Friday night, the 11th of Oct., Bro. C. G. Elliott, with the pastor, began a meeting which continued eight days with two services—10 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., each day. One—a young lady of fine character, Miss Nancy Kirkland—had already been approved for baptism;

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tism; which number was augmented by the addition of eight others, all of whom at the close of the meeting put on the Lord by baptism in the railroad pond five miles west of Forest. One of the number was the excellent wife of Col. J. J. Crain, one of Forest's most progressive citizens, a well known commercial agent and a useful and helpful member of our church. The good lady is also a daughter of Bro. Antly, a Baptist preacher, long and favorably known for his good work in Central Miss., whose widow, one of the excellent of the earth, also has her home in Scott county's brisk little capitol. The other accessions were all young people out of the best families in the community.

Bro. Elliott's preaching was of a very high order of expository and practical excellence, was greatly appreciated by the church and people of which they showed the highest appreciation in more material ways than words, though earnest expressions of gratification were not wanting.

At Enterprise we began another meeting on Friday night the 15th of Nov. Dr. Venable came on Monday and we went through the days till Wednesday the 27th, with two services each day except Sunday when there were three. The visible results were twenty-one accessions to the church—nineteen of whom were for baptism. With the exception of three these were all young people from among the best families in Enterprise. In both of these meetings the Lord was perceptibly with his people and wrought a great work for his own glory.

Bro. Venable was at his best and did the best preaching of his life, we think, at any rate the best we ever heard by him if indeed so good.

The appreciation of the Enterprise people was gratefully expressed in very pleasant and suitable ways. Our people at Forest and Enterprise will always hold the good brethren in kindly remembrance.

We held two other meetings, one at Shubuta with Bro. J. R. Johnston, and one at Puchuta with Brother R. S. Gavin, both of whom preached well the gospel of eternal truth greatly to the edification and satisfaction of our people. The times of holding, seemed not to be propitious, on account of the great prevalence of sickness. The visible results were one for baptism at Shubuta and a good uplift for the saints.

Yours in hope,

J. A. H.

Ordination.

Bro. R. C. Blalock was ordained to the work of a gospel minister by the church at Houston, Sunday night Nov. 24, 1901. The council chosen by vote of the church were all present. Preliminary examination of the candidate by the council was conducted on Friday afternoon. Then there was a public examination before a large, deeply interested congregation. This examination proved pre-eminently satisfactory, and after formal recommendation of the council, the church unanimously and heartily ordered the ordination. Rev. E. E. Thornton conducted the

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examination, Dr. E. B. Miller delivered the charge and presented the Bible. Rev. J. R. Sumner offered the ordaining prayer, Rev. J. Parker White presided.

Rev. Blalock goes at once to become pastor at Coffeeville. He is a great man of great promise, bright in intellect, fervent in spirit and strong in faith. He is a convicted teacher all along the line of Bible truth.

J. T. GARRETT,
Clerk of Council.

Houston, Miss., Nov. 25, 1894.

A Trip to Texas.

I left home on the morning of November 11 to go to Texas to assist Pastor McClurkin in a meeting at Hearne. I had assisted him in several meetings before this.

After the meeting of the State Board at Jackson on the afternoon and night of the 11th and the morning of the 12th I proceeded to Texas over the Q. & C. to Shreveport; Texas and Pacific from Shreveport to Longview; thence to Hearne over the I. & G. N., arriving at Hearne the evening of the 13th which was by far the best time I ever made going to Texas. This is a splendid route for fast time and good connections.

We had a good meeting at Hearne. I do not know how many conversions or how many united with the church. But the greatness of the meeting consisted in a real revival in the church. It seemed to put on new life. Bro. McClurkin has been there more than four years and done a good work. They have grown under his ministry from two Sundays a month to full time.

After we closed the meeting I ran up to Marlin where I was pastor the six years I was in Texas. I found the whole town in a stir over a meeting at the Baptist church house in which W. P. Fife was doing the preaching. It was without a question the greatest meeting I was ever in. There were some things in the meeting it would do well to publish if I had time to write them. All classes of people were converted from the hardest characters back to the most cultured and refined people in the town. It was simply great. When you see where people condemn Fife as an evangelist, say that I never saw a greater.

But what of Starkville while I was gone? I had arranged with Brethren Kincannon to preach one Sunday and Sunday night, Wilkinson to preach another and W. H. Thompson to preach the other. They all filled their promise and did it acceptably. It was my pleasure to be home to hear Bro. Thompson. It was a privilege to me to hear the plain Gospel preached so simply as he preached it. The members of the church were agreed that Brethren Kincannon and Wilkinson preached equally well. Happy the churches to whom all these brethren preach. May the Lord bless them abundantly in their respective fields.

M. K. THORNTON.

Field Notes.

The B. Y. P. U. held at Wesson found the paper man an interested visitor, and though long delayed, it may not be out of

place for him to say that he was greatly pleased with both the hearing and the seeing. Given this meeting being a fair sample of such gatherings, the oftener held the better, is the unbiased opinion of the writer.

The silence of the interview in the past three weeks is to be charged to pressure of business, rather than to indisposition. During and since the meeting at Wesson the good people of Hazlehurst, Crystal Springs, Gallman and Terry have been visited and renewals and new subscribers have rewarded the visits. All those towns are blessed with good churches and able pastors who are carrying forward the Master's work encouragingly. Pastor Lee has the work at Wesson well in hand and is doing a noble work for the Lord. Pastor Williams, of Hazlehurst is a new man to the State but already he has a strong hold upon the affections of his people. But how could it be otherwise with one so genial as he! The saints at Hazlehurst are to be congratulated in securing his services. May the Union, begin so auspiciously, continue long to the glory of God, and the highest good of the church.

The Crystal Springs pastor, Bishop McComb, is a noble worker in whose hands the cause of the dear Master must greatly prosper. He is highly esteemed for his work's sake. May the Lord multiply his kind. Bro. Low has done a noble work at Gallman and now the Lord rewards him by giving him more and larger work to do. The sweet spirited Ellis, who leads the Lord's hosts at Terry, though last is not least, in worthy service in the Kingdom of Christ. He is building on the solid rock. It was the privilege of this scribe to preach for the saints at Terry, Crystal Springs and Gallman. By special request preached a Thanksgiving sermon at Gallman.

In closing he hereby extends the hand of fellowship to his brother in travail, Bro. M., and very sincerely reciprocates his kindly wishes—especially that he may be saved from despair.

May THE BAPTIST and all its true friends enjoy a happy Christmas, and ever brightening prospects in the future.

Sincerely,

O. M. LUCAS.

All our unanswered prayers, all our wild wishes that are not fulfilled, all the delays of consolation and relief—they all cease to be utterly bewildering and exasperating when we know and hourly remember that every one of them goes up into the presence of a God who is as full of the counsels of wisdom and holiness as he is of the impulses of love. By and by we come to know through many experiences which almost broke our hearts as we received them, but which we now thank God for in our grateful prayers, that a million disappointments of our wishes are a cheap price enough to pay for the conviction rooted and grounded immovably at the very bottom of our souls that God must do the right, that however he may love a child of his, he cannot for that child do anything that is wrong, or leave anything that is right undone.—Phillips Brooks,

THE BAPTIST.

My Work Continued.

It was announced through THE BAPTIST last October a year ago that I would "do the work of an evangelist" for one year. The same opened at Clinton November 5, 1900, and closed at McComb City November 3, 1901. It has been a delightful season—the most satisfactory year of my life. In each place, after consultation with the pastor, we have striven to strengthen the church on all points doctrinal and practical. It has been a flowing well of joy to realize the presence of the Holy Spirit and honor Him by conscientiously following New Testament method and teaching. The Lord has greatly blessed me in good health—am stronger and weightier than ever. Reasons for remaining in the work multiply and it seems to be the will of God. Now if it is the will of pastors and churches that I spend the whole of the time in Mississippi conducting revivals gladly do I acquiesce. It was not possible for me to aid several pastors wanting my services, caused by two or more calling for the same date. Pastors wanting an evangelist should write him at least three months before the date of the proposed revival. But should they fail for good reasons write him anyway stating fully the situation. Having declined a full year's work in another State, I hold myself ready for service in Mississippi. This does not exclude the possibility of an occasional meeting beyond our borders.

E. B. MILLER.

West Point, Miss., Nov. 27, 1901.

From Atlanta.

Atlanta First Church is now a greater power in the Kingdom than ever before. In Bro. Landrum, their matchless leader and pastor, they have a veritable Napoleon. They are reaching high water mark in gifts and interest in all missionary and benevolent, denominational enterprises.

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Field Notes.

A recent visit to Monroe, La., was greatly enjoyed. It was the privilege of the scribe to shake hands with a godly number of old friends, several of whom will read THE BAPTIST next year. Rev. J. S. Edmonds, the pastor at Monroe, was found hard at work leading the saints to higher and nobler living and feeding them on the strong meat of gospel truth. He is a vigorous thinker, a strong preacher and an uncompromising Baptist. Mississippi Baptists will not object if he furnishes some "thoughts for thinkers" for the columns of THE BAPTIST.

Ten days with pastor W. S. Rogers on his field was most pleasantly spent lately. Harmony and Countyline churches were visited and "THE BAPTIST" man was allowed to hold forth the Word two days at

each place. A goodly people they are and pastor and people are happy in maintaining mutual admiration for each other.

Some preachers are not content with their lot; but not so with this pastor. Perfectly happy and perfectly contented is the way he puts it with his field and people! In the home of this brother the rambler found welcome and shelter. It is so delightful to feel *home-like* by the stranger brother. May the Lord reward his servants who with good cheer give such gracious welcome! At Hazlehurst in the home of Brother J. Q. Martin and Sister Marks, your scribes, was given a like welcome. At Gallman Sister Rhymes made him feel doubly welcome.

By the way, it may not be generally known that the country round about Gallman is wonderfully productive. The finest crops seen as yet in the State are here. A day in the country hereabout was profitably spent and pleasantly enjoyed.

Fraternally yours,

REV. EDWARD H. WALKER.
Box 92, Atlanta, Ga.

The Paper.

On my return from Texas I spent some time in the office of THE BAPTIST with Brother Bailey. He is full of hope and energy in getting out the paper. He said he was anxious to still increase its usefulness among the brethren. His idea is to make it a real Baptist news paper. He thinks (and I agree with him most heartily) that if we pastors will drop him a note or a postal card regularly telling of our own work and of the work adjacent to us that we will have this very newspaper. I think so too. Suppose we do this. I commence with this issue. It will take every one of us to bring it to the fullest measure of efficiency.

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Well, your patience would not bear with me to tell all that I know of his excellent qualities for this work to which he feels called.

But what I want to make special mention of is his *tact*. What a precious article that is among those who are set for the defense of the gospel! It is so difficult to know just when to "draw a bolt from Sinai" or fetch a cordial from Calvary. I would not claim for anyone perfection on this point, but Brother Miller is marvelously successful in his readiness to draw the sword or lift up the cross. But when it comes to dealing with the prejudices of people against the truth, I am very sure I have never heard his equal. "People have prejudices, as a result of education or of some past experiences. It is all wrong, no doubt that they should have them; yet, there they are, and we should avoid crossing them too violently. Seek rather to undermine them. Behind these prejudices and false notions the deceitful heart hides itself and keeps from close quarters with the

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truth. So, instead of an open attack, we must needs "fetch a compass" and outflank them."

All this Bro. Miller knows; and does with grace and skill.

Brethren, in the interest of the work let's keep such a man busy.

R. C. BLAILEY.
Coffeeville, Miss.

HILLMAN COLLEGE.

We expect to make room for four more girls by January 1st. If you want to come to Hillman write at once to

John L. Johnson, Pres.,
Clinton, Miss.

A Reply.

In your issue of October 31 I see "Preacher" criticizes my article on Cooperation.

After quoting what I said about the few evidences of prosperity seen in a day's ride through the country, he says: "The statement is freighted with error. The first being that the country gives no evidence of prosperity."

I would like for "Preacher" to read again. I said, "You can count on the fingers of one hand all the farms and homes that indicate prosperity."

I appeal to those who travel through the country if this is not too true.

He also says, "The abundant evidence is the part of country life I like."

I admit that when "Preacher" goes through, the fatted chicken is killed, the preserves, and canned fruit, over which the good wife has perspired so freely, is brought forth and, if it chances to be "hog killin'" time, backbone, sparerib and sausage are in "evidence." But is it possible that this is the part of country life that "Preacher" likes so well?

That country people have plenty to eat, I believe; and, if they do not, they need no sympathy for not having. That many of our country churches are financially weak, is true; that they need development in Christian giving is also true. Right here is where I would like to ask the question: Who is better qualified for this work than the best educated of our ministry? too few of whom pastor our churches. The country churches praise God for such men as J. L. Pettigrew, J. P. Williams, J. E. Thigpen, J. R. Johnston, P. A. Haman, C. L. Lewis, and some others that might be mentioned, who so faithfully labor for them.

That all the "good and rich people have moved to town" I have never said, nor do I so believe. But what I would like to say is that these poor churches need the help of their more favored sisters.

The country pastor needs encouragement. I said: "We are working these fields (cities and towns) to the neglect of fields more fruitful."

Is it not true that most of the accessions to country churches are by experience, and a large per cent, if not most of the town or city, by letter,—and many of them from the country churches?

Read the account of the meeting held in

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BLACK SILK.

Look up your BAPTIST and read the revival news from the churches and see what a large per cent of the conversions are from the country churches. Some of these churches are in small towns but are really country churches.

That these churches may be developed along all lines of duty is the prayer of LAYMAN.

Houston Meeting.

We have just closed a fine meeting at this place. Bro. E. B. Miller did the preaching. We enjoyed his strong presentations of the doctrines of grace and faith.

It was our pleasure to have Bro. E. E. Thornton with us for the whole time. The meeting continued for fifteen days. I buried 17 young people in baptism on the evening of the 24th inst. There have been 87 baptized into this church since I came to it seven years ago. We have grown from 65 to 133, and now have the strongest church in the place.

The country pastor needs encouragement. I said: "We are working these fields (cities and towns) to the neglect of fields more fruitful."

Bro. R. C. Blalock was ordained on Sunday night as a closing service to our meeting. The Presbytery consisted of Brethren E. E. Thornton, E. B. Miller, J. R. Sumner, and the writer.

Bro. Blalock will go to Coffeeville at

once and enter upon his work as pastor there.

The church here has not selected a pastor for next year yet. May the Lord guide these good people in their choice and help them to realize the responsibilities resting upon them.

Yours in the work,

J. PARKER WHITE.

Houston, Miss., Nov. 25th, 1901.

Endowment Echoes.

Greenville is great. I spent last Sunday there with noble pastor Burr and his big-hearted people. They subscribed \$1,185.00 on the endowment enterprise, and some of their givers are yet to hear from. Bro. H. N. Alexander headed the list with \$500.00; then came my beloved old school mate "Sim" Stovall with \$250.00. Others followed with great readiness. Do not be surprised if Greenville yet runs to \$1,500.00.

But alas! while we were at church Sunday night the pastor's home burned to the ground. The church will get insurance on the house and the pastor will get insurance on his furniture, but there will be loss in money, and some things were burned that cannot be replaced.

I know of no church that comes nearer to giving liberally help to every good cause that Greenville. God bless them evermore.

W. T. LOWREY.

There are too many who feel they would be safe if they could only make sure of dying on a Sunday.—Ram's Horn.

THE HOME.**Too Late.**

Why wait to help thy struggling brother here
Until sad failure meets him on the road?

Oh wouldst thou truly serve him help and cheer
Ere he has fallen 'neath his heavy load?

Too late for fragrant blooms to star the land

When winter's frost the blighted fields o'er spread,

Too late to sow when harvest time is near
Too late for fair fruit when the tree is dead.

And oh, too late comes help and cheer to hearts
That have grown callous, warning with dark fate.

Too late to live when love cannot restore

Hope to the spirits of the desolate.

ERON OPIA GRODORY.

A young theological student supplied the pulpit in a Vermont village one summer; and the involuntary smiles of his rural congregation one Sunday worked a change in his habit of emphasizing pronouns for which his friends and professors had longed. He was reading the thirteenth chapter of I Kings; and on coming to the twenty-seventh verse, he said distinctly: "And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass! And they saddled him."

The Art of Talking.

When you are trying to make a company a conversational success always avoid a rattling liveliness on your own part. Don't imagine that to be clever a wit must be a wit. If you are naturally witty, well and good; if will crop out occasionally. But if your wit is forced, it degenerates into mere affectation, and affectation is fatal.

The man who is universally mourned today achieved the highest distinction which his country can confer on any man and he lived a useful life. He was not deficient in education but with all you will hear of his grand career and his services to his country and his fellow citizens you will not hear that the high plane he reached; or what he accomplished was dueentirely to his education. You will instead constantly hear as an accomplishment. You learn to note the slightest change in facial expression. The quiver of an eye lid or the movement of a lip tells you a story. You see pleasure, anger, interest, dislike, where another detects no thought. Your own mind acts more quickly as you appreciate the thoughts of others. You have the pleasure of feeling that your acquirement is not wholly selfish, for it gives you the power to understand the reserved, and to put the shy at their ease.

He never thought of any of those things too weak for his manliness. Make no mistake. Here was a most distinguished man—a great man—a useful man—who became distinguished

Complimenting the General.

When General Moreau was in England he was once the victim of a rather droll misunderstanding. He was present at a concert where a piece was sung by the choir with the refrain:

"To-morrow, to-morrow."

Having a very imperfect knowledge of English, he fancied it to be a cantata given in his honor, and thought he distinguished the words:

"To Moreau, to Moreau."

Each time the refrain was repeated he rose to his feet and graciously bowed on all sides, to the great astonishment of the audience, who did not know what to make of it.

Grover Cleveland's Tribute.

Among the countless tributes to the memory of the late chief executive of the nation delivered by his grateful countrymen in all parts of the Union none was more impressively fitting or beautiful than the address of ex-President Cleveland to the students and faculty of Princeton University at the memorial exercises held in that institution.

The keynote utterance of the ex-president was an admonition to the young men of the university to lay stress upon mere mental attainment and to seek to cultivate those homely virtues which gave McKinley such power over his countrymen and at the same time made him universally loved. Speaking upon this phase of the late president's career he said:

Father—"And yet the boy is the very apple of my eye."

Professor—"Then I would advise you to take the apple out of your eye by the back of the neck, Sir."—New York Times.

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great and useful because he had I am 11 years old. I am going to school and am in the 5th grade. My studies are, Geography, Arithmetic, Reading, Language, Spelling, Drawing and writing. I like to go to school. Last month I made in general average 97½. I want to beat that next month. I have a brother older than I named Harry, and a sister younger than I named Gladis. I am fond of reading, and hope my letter will be the first there. I feel like you love little children or you wouldn't have given them this nice offer.

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Letter to Bro. Rice.

CANTON, MISS., NOV. 15, 1901.

DEAR BRO. RICE:

When I came home today at noon, Papa showed me your article in THE BAPTIST, and I decided to work for it. I have read every chapter in which there was a quotation. I felt discouraged when I saw the long Psalm. I enjoyed it, so I was glad that I read it. I found a mistake in one reference. I don't know whether it was the printer's fault or not. It was Gal. 5:2: instead of Gal. 5:5, as it was printed. The initials of the quotations make the words, "Subscribe for THE BAPTIST."

I haven't been living here quite a year. Papa is pastor of the Baptist church here in Canton. Again Water Valley heads the list, with a \$615.76, contribution to the Orphanage. Good! at first, better in a short while, and they say this is not the best yet.

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The Next B. Y. P. U. Convention.

This body will meet with the Oxford B. Y. P. U., in November, 1902. The session just closed at Wesson was a success without a doubt. The speeches were excellent, and the spiritual interest manifested has never before been equaled. It was one of the best meetings ever assembled in Mississippi. The watchword of this Convention was "Go Forward," and we, as separate Unions, could find none better for a motto. To go forward is to work, and if we can't work and honor God by building up His kingdom, we should not be permitted to remain a "dead thing" on our pastor and church.

The next gathering of this great Convention should, and we hope will be, the largest ever convened. The enrollment of delegates should be larger. The convention has been held somewhat to the central part of the State since its organization; but she goes to the northern part now, and we look for great things from North Mississippi.

T. J. B., Jr.

The Immortal in Life.

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W. H. BRUTON,
Pastor Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.

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HOME MISSIONS.

Columbus Association 17.40, Judson Association 14.85, Zion Association 3.75, Union Association 15.69, Chester Association 14, Yazoo Association 13.20, Chickasahay Association 4.15, Yallobusha Association 16.25, Holly Springs 6.50, Jerusalem,

Kosciusko Association 19.46, Louisville Association 17.05, Cold Water Association 11.45, Fair River Association 38.40, Trinity Association 19.23, Liberty Association 22.10.

Bupora 6.65, Mt. Zion 7, Braxton 16.15, Tangipahoa 2.15, Forrest 5.50, Moak's Creek 3.05, New Salem 25, Shiloh 2.65, Rodney 10, Pearl River Association 40.05, Bethesda 2.45, Ocean Springs 5, Liberty 6, Oak Dale 6.55, Galliee 5.25, Beulah 5, Leesburg 3, Everett 2.50, Brier Hill 5, Ellisville 40.75, Sandersville 7.25, Mt. Pleasant 6.35, Cherry Creek W. M. S. 1.25, Midway 2, New Hope 1.22, Cornersville 2.45, G. G. Nazery 1, Leland 55.32, Peach Creek 20.30, Mt. Zion 2, Columbus 10, A friend 5, Hebron 3.25, Slidell 16.55, McComb Sunbeams 1, Coffeeville W. M. S. 60, 1st Church Jackson 5, Central Association 5.50, Pearl Leaf Association 14.85, Wesson W. M. S. 90, Learned Church 3.80, Palestine 2.

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Deaths.

W. L. Spokes.

After a few days of illness departed this life at his home near Atkin, Ark., December 1st. He was born near Castalian Springs, Holmes county, Miss., February 3, 1849, and was therefore in his fifty-third year when he died. In the first years of the seventies he was married to Bettie, daughter of Captain T. L. Stevens, who still lives near Durant, Miss. In about four years after the marriage he went to Arkansas, and settled near Atkin, and there remained until his death.

He left a widow and nine children, only one of whom is a boy, named Wilson R., after his grandfather. Five daughters were married, four of whom now live near their mother, and one died a few years since. All these daughters are intelligent and earnest Christian, and are happily married.

In the fall of 1864 he entered the Confederate army at Mobile, Ala., then a lad of 16. While in that city, he confessed Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord and was baptized in His name. He was only in one battle, that of Blakely, Ala., in April, 1865. He has been openly serving our Lord for the larger part of his life.

The deceased was a brother, the only full brother, of Dr. H. F. Spokes, of Vicksburg. He was an honest, true man, a faithful friend, and a man who loved his family and desired and labored for their comfort and development along all lines.

He and the writer were reared in the same neighborhood in Holmes county, and the writer always found him a big-hearted, noble boy. May God deal gently with the bereaved family.

A FRIEND.

J. W. JONES.
At the residence of Mr. E. E. Helms, December 5th, 1901, by the writer, Mr. Wm. Rutland to Miss Annie Brown, both of Tillotson, Miss.

CHAS. L. LEWIS.

Raymond, Miss., Dec. 9, 1901.

who knew him. While he was courteous and gentlemanly in his bearing towards all men, he nevertheless had a righteous indignation for tricks and tricksters in any business. His brethren showed their confidence in him and his business capacity by making him, for many years, an honored member of both the boards of trustees of the Mississippi College and the Hillman College.

In the sixtieth year of his age J. M. Futch was "born again" and "believed on the Lord Jesus Christ." For thirty years he obeyed his Lord's command, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works." On all lines of Christian benevolence he was the most highly developed of any of God's children I ever knew, to have come into the work of the Lord so late in life. Public spirited and thoroughly sympathetic, his ever responsive heart and hand promptly and liberally answered every call for charity and good works. Faithful in all his obligations, peace-making in his efforts, forgiving men from his heart and manly in his moral courageousness, he could have said truthfully, on the morning of his death, late in his ninety-first year of life, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." Thank God for the noble life of this good man, for he was "always abounding in the work of the Lord."

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In Ellisville, Miss., December 4th, 1901, O. D. Bowen officiating, Mr. J. M. Arnold, of Pittsboro, Miss., and Miss Bessie Hardy, of Ellisville, Miss. May the blessing of God rest upon this noble pair.

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In the land of dark shadows I groped my way,
No light on my pathway was thrown;
The sunshine of Hope had faded away,
And Faith from my soul had flown.
Ah, so dismal and drear seemed the long,
long way
That I, without Faith, had trod!
But now for my bruised and weary feet
There's a smoother and brighter road
That leads to the land of the "Sweet
Sometime,"
And Faith sweetly welcomes me.
Hope gives a greeting of gladsoom cheer,
And all of life's shadows flee.
And a soft voice whispers: "Peace, be
still!"—
So perfect and bright seems the way.
"I'll do what the Master wants me to
do."
Till the close of life's long day.
Toil in His service will be so sweet,
For His promise never deceives.
With a faith unbroken by doubts and
fears
I'll gather the "golden sheaves."
In the harvest field I'll glean all the day
And tell how to me there came
The fight and the joy of the Christian
hope
By trusting "In His Name."

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The Missionary Box.

It spanned full many a river, knew many
a mountain pass.
It crossed the wheat-grown prairies, and
valleys of flowers and grass;
By night and day it traveled, with many
thumps and knocks.
Till it paused at a lonely cabin—did the
missionary box.
The missionary stood there, a smile upon
his face;
All around, like a flock of chickens, the
children flew apace.
Johnnie ran for a hammer; Teddie pulled
at a screw;
Bessie tugged at the cover, the baby
helping too;
But the father hushed the tumult, and
the clamor died away;
For he said, when all were silent: "Now
children, let us pray."
Father, thy gifts are many; we thank
Thee for each one.
But most today we thank Thee for what
kind hearts have done.
Far away are the helpers who know of
our pressing need;
Bless them, gracious Father, for loving
thought and deed.
Teach us, to use in wisdom the gifts
awaiting here;
Make us to be unselfish and patient and
sincere;
Still to press on with courage, like Him
who overcame;
All of these things, our Father, we seek
Thee in His name.
Oh, who could tell the story when the
box was opened wide?

First of all were blankets which the
mother laid aside;
So much she knew of sickness and poverty and cold.

When humble neighbors sought her and
tales of sorrow told.

Then close beside were garments, all
spotless and unworn,

And "A suit of clothes for the pastor"
was the message pinned thereon.

The missionary viewed them a tear
within his eye,

And an unspoken blessing was lifted up
on high—

For, the preached word is given with
dignity and grace.

And a patched coat on Sundays is some-
what out of place.

Next the sweet Mother lifted a soft and
pretty gown.

And said, "How this will please her, our
neighbor, Mrs. Brown."

But the missionary smiled on the face
that cheered his life,

And answered very firmly, "I know it
fits my wife."

There were toys for little children (here
the baby squealed outright)

And some for the bigger youngsters,
some skates, maybe a kite

And wistfully asked Bessie, that win-
some little elf,

"Mamma, would it be selfish to keep this
doll myself?"

Oh, soon in the pastor's section, full
many mothers' flocks

Were gladdened by the contents of the
missionary box.

But the gift that came the nearest to
breaking the pastor's heart

Was a square and heavy package laid by
itself apart;

For a heart may break with gladness,
and the books that came to sight

Were what he long had needed for gui-
dance and delight.

His hurrying hands were trembling; his
face was flushed with joy;

He clasped the precious volumes, and he
laughed like a happy boy.

As travelers in a desert half the shadows of
great rocks,

So to the weary worker was the mis-
sionary box.

Oh, ye who wrought its coming with
tenderness and care,

Be sure that memory holds you in daily
thought and prayer.

Ye are led in ways ye know not; and,
however small each gift,

It enters on a mission to comfort and
uplift.

Still from the little cabin, by lonely West-
ern tides!

In ever-widening circles spreads the love
that cheers and guides;

And 'tis remembrance always the
door of faith unlocks.

Of hearts that planned and hands that
packed the missionary box.

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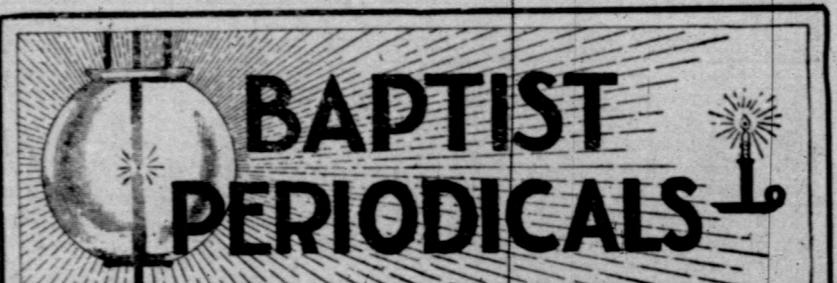
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Rev. A. P. Pugh, of Union Springs, Ala., will enter upon the pastorate of First Baptist Church in Comb City, on Jan. 1st. 1902.

Bro. T. C. Schilling of Gillis-
berg, than whom we have no
more useful men, honored our
rooms this week with his
presence. He possesses staying
abilities as a pastor.

After a six month's illness Rev.
W. MaGaha died in Selma,
last week. His last pastor-
ate was with the First Church,
Waco, as Dr. B. H. Corroll's suc-
cessor.

Miss Stone is still alive and in
hands of the bandits. It was
the way that Paul got the
Lord, and it may be that this is
the Lord's way of reaching the
bandits of Bulgaria. May it
be so.

Bro. E. L. Jones of Lucknow, called on us this week. He has gone through with a long, severe and tedious spell of typhoid fever, from which he has not entirely recovered yet, but he is gradually improving.

Mr. Frank Moody, national B. Y. P. U. treasurer, died at his home in Milwaukee, Nov. 30th, of Pneumonia. He was forty years old and leaves a wife and two children. The day before he died, he saw the last pledge entered upon his books that canceled the debt that has hung like a millstone around the neck of the work so long—he saw it, rejoiced and was not for God took him.

We spent last Lord's day with the Hattiesburg Church. The cause seems to be prospering there. They have a beautiful house of worship, and a large number of fine men and women, intelligent, pious, aggressive. Brother W. M. Conner is the popular Superintendent of the Sunday-school, in which the interest is fine. The congregation was good and the attention earnest and helpful to the preacher.

It was our happy privilege to have entertainment in the hospitable home of our beloved

brother F. F. Phillips and his estimable wife. Brother Phillips taught sixteen years, but has now given up that profession and has entered into the business of life insurance. He is general agent in South Mississippi for the old reliable Equitable Life Assurance Company, in which he is doing well.

Brother A. C. Watkins, missionary of Southern Baptist Convention, at Torreon, Mexico, has been, on account of the serious illness of his wife, compelled to return with her to the States, and they are now at Clinton. She was taken by fever on Nov. 12th, and after much suffering on her part and anxiety on his they reached Clinton on the 4th. We are happy to be able to state that Sister Watkins is improving, and trust soon to be able to announce that she is again well. Bro. W. will return to Torreon as soon as he can do so. His work there prospers, and he is encouraged.

Judge Geo. Anderson, and who also is one of the deacons of the 1st. Baptist Church, Vicksburg, delivered a ringing charge to the late grand jury in Warren Co. We intended to let our readers see what a brave Christian

judge can say, but our Vicksburg paper containing the charge got misplaced and we cannot reproduce it from memory. But we take from the *Vicksburg American*, of Dec. 9th, this paragraph, which shows what a Christian judge can do:

"Judge Anderson reigned supreme in Vicksburg yesterday. As a result of his grand jury charge last Monday all of the local saloon men fell in line and there was not a rum shop in town yesterday to defy the majesty of the law *** The saloons were strictly in accord on their promise to close, and as far as can be learned there was not a drop of liquor sold in the city."

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